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The Dutch generally support the proposed expansion of the Afghan National Army, but they are looking for more details. Poloff delivered reftel points on September 2 to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Coordinator for Task Force Uruzgan and to the Ministry of Defense (MOD) Senior Policy Advisor. Both contacts generally supported the concept. However, prior to any formal stance, the Dutch would like to have more details on the proposed funding streams for training, supplying and sustainment; the types of units proposed; and the timeline for the decision process. (Comment: This is typical, deliberate decision-making in The Hague. In recent meetings with Ambassador Culbertson the Dutch leadership has expressed continued strong support for the overall mission in Afghanistan. End comment.)  
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